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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE IN WESTERN EUROPE (C-DI-6-50012)

1. BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF ADDICTS IN DENMARK IS 7,000-10,000. DANES DO NOT KEEP STATISTICS AND COULD NOT PROVIDE MORE PRECISE FIGURES. NO BREAKDOWN BETWEEN HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATES WAS AVAILABLE. WHILE MORPHINE BASE AND MORPHINE PILLS ARE PRIMARY OPIATES ABUSED, DANISH OFFICIALS FEEL HEROIN USE IS INCREASING. ABOUT HALF OF ADDICTS ARE LOCATED IN THE COPENHAGEN AREA.

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2. AS OF APRIL 1, 1976, GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT, WERE DECENTRALIZED TO DENMARK'S FIFTEEN COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES. FUNDING FOR THESE ACTIVITIES NOW COMES FROM LOCAL SOURCES RATHER THAN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, WITH RESULT THAT AVAILABLE FUNDS HAVE DECREASED. GOVERNMENT CENTERS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED IN COPENHAGEN AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUE TO OPERATE, HOWEVER. APPROXIMATELY 4,900 ADDICTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMS RUN BY THE FIFTEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

3. DENMARK HAS FOUR PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS, ALL LOCATED IN COPENHAGEN. WHILE PRIVATELY MANAGED, THEY ARE SUSTAINED BY FUNDS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY. APPROXIMATELY 1,100 ADDICTS ARE INVOLVED IN THESE PRIVATE PROGRAMS.

4. BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF HEROIN OR OPIUM ADDICTS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING TREATMENT IN GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE PROGRAMS IS 1,000 - 4,000 BASED ON EMBASSY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, COPENHAGEN MUNICIPALITY, PRIVATE TREATMENT CENTERS, AND DANISH POLICE. DANES DO NOT KEEP THE TYPE OF POLICE AND HOSPITAL RECORDS OR ADDICT REGISTRATIONS WHICH WOULD LEND THEMSELVES TO A MORE PRECISE ESTIMATE.
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